

REMARKS

Claims 1-18 were pending prior to this Response. New Claim 19 is added. Support for this new claim can be found in the claims as originally filed. No new matter has been added.

Applicants wish to note that a Preliminary Amendment was filed on 08 September 2004 in which amendments to the Specification and Claims were made and new Claim 18 was added. Applicants assume that the Examiner intended to include new Claim 18 in the Restriction Requirement as being within Group VIII and have responded accordingly. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner confirm the status of this claim.

Restriction Requirement

In the Election/Restriction Requirement mailed January 15, 2009, the Examiner required restriction of the above-identified patent application to one of the following groups of claims:

- Group I - Claims 1-7, drawn to a method of treating a surface populated by bacteria capable of producing a biofilm which comprises contacting the surface with a substance obtained from the secretions/excretions of *Lucilia sericata*;
- Group II - Claims 8-9, drawn to an antimicrobial composition comprising secretions/excretions isolated from *Lucilia sericata* or analogues thereof and one or more antibiotic compound;
- Group III - Claims 10, 14 and 15, drawn to an antimicrobial composition comprising a substance having N-acyl homoserine lactone-degradant activity isolated from secretions/excretions obtained from *Lucilia sericata* or analogues thereof together with a carrier or vehicle;

- Group IV - Claims 11, 14 and 15, drawn to an antimicrobial composition comprising a serine proteinase isolated from secretions/excretions obtained from *Lucilia sericata* or analogues thereof together with a carrier or vehicle;
- Group V - Claims 12, 14 and 15, drawn to an antimicrobial composition comprising a isolated from secretions/excretions obtained from *Lucilia sericata* or analogues thereof together with a carrier or vehicle;
- Group VI - Claims 13-15 drawn to an antimicrobial composition comprising a substance having cecropin-like activity isolated from secretions/excretions obtained from *Lucilia sericata* or analogues thereof together with a carrier or vehicle;
- Group VII - Claim 16, drawn to an antimicrobial composition comprising cell-free haemolymph obtained from *Lucilia sericata* larvae grown in the presence of *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*, or one or more active constituent of said haemolymph or a synthetic analogue of such constituent; and
- Group VIII - Claim 17, drawn to a wound dressing. Applicants assume that Claim 18 is also included in this group.

Applicants elect Group I (Claims 1-7), drawn to a method of treating a surface populated by bacteria capable of producing a biofilm which comprises contacting the surface with a substance obtained from the secretions/excretions of *Lucilia sericata*.

CONCLUSION

Based upon the amendments and remarks provided above, applicants believe that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is therefore respectfully solicited.

No additional fees are believed due; however the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account number 11-0855.

Respectfully submitted,

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